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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A JOINT STATEMENT ON THE

OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE ISLAMIC

REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED STATES RELEASED BY THE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE JULY 18:

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AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

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STATES OF AMERICA, DONALD REAGAN, THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN, MOHAMMAD KHAN JUNEJO, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES FROM JULY 15-22, 1986.

THE PRIME MINISTER HELD INTENSIVE AND WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT, WITH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, AND WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON MATTER OF MUTUAL CONCERN RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, POLITICAL COOPERATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER REVIEWED BILATERAL RELATIONS AND FOUND THEM WARM, FRIENDLY, AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. THEY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH EXISTING COOPERATION AND THE HOPE THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE US-PAKISTAN JOINT COMMISSION AND THE US-PAKISTAN CONSULTATIVE GROUP. BOTH SIDES WELCOMED THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FACILITATE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO PAKISTAN AND TO ENSURE

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ITS PROTECTION. THEY NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY TO REVISE THE CONVENTION ON THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION. THEY AGREED THAT PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT MISSIONS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, AND IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, THEY AGREED ON THE DESPATCH OF AN AMERICAN TEAM LATER THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS COOPERATION AIMED AT IMPROVING THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH IN PAKISTAN.

THE PRESIDENT LAUDED THE RETURN OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY TO PAKISTAN, PRAISING PRIME MINISTER JUNEJO AND PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ FOR THE STEPS TAKEN DURING THE LAST YEAR TO END MARTIAL LAW AND TO RESTORE TO THE PAKISTAN PEOPLE THE FULL LIBERTIES GUARANTEED BY THE 1973 CONSTITUTION. THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WILL MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO PAKISTAN'S CONTINUED STABILITY AND PROGRESS.

THE PRESIDENT UNDERScoreD HIS STRONG PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO ARMS CONTROL AND TO THE PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF US EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ARMS CONTROL AND THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE PRIME MINISTER REITERATED THE PEACEFUL NATURE OF PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM. THE TWO LEADERS AGREED, MOREOVER, THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ON EACH STATE IN THE REGION TO ENSURE THAT ITS USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IS STRICTLY PEACEFUL AND TO TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO DEMONSTRATE A SHARED COMMITMENT TO NON-PROLIFERATION.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERED IN DEPTH THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST ASIA. THEY NOTED WITH SERIOUS CONCERN THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY WHICH FLOW

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FROM THE CONTINUING SOVIET OCCUPATION OF AND AGGRESSION
AGAINST AFGHANISTAN. THEY CONDEMNED THE REPEATED ATTACKS
ON PAKISTAN'S TERRITORY FROM AFGHANISTAN. THE PRESIDENT
REAFFIRMED THE US COMMITMENT TO NON-ALIGNED PAKISTAN'S
INDEPENDENCE, SECURITY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

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BOTH LEADERS AGREED ON THE URGENT NEED FOR A POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT OF THE AFGHANISTAN PROBLEM CONSISTENT WITH THE
PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN THE SEVEN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY
OVERWHELMING MAJORITIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR

PAKISTAN'S SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SUCH A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF THE FRUSTRATING CONFLICT IMPOSED UPON THE AFGHAN
PEOPLE. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AT THE FORTHCOMING
ROUND OF THE GENEVA PROXIMITY TALKS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL,
THE KARULI SIDE WILL PUT FORWARD A SHORT TIMETABLE FOR THE
WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN.

THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR PAKISTAN'S
COURAGE IN STANDING UP TO SOVIET PRESSURES THROUGH
AFGHANISTAN AND FOR ITS SELFLESS PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN
RELIEF TO THE NEARLY THREE MILLION AFGHANS WHO HAVE FLED TO
PAKISTAN IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. THE TWO LEADERS AGREED
ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF
AFGHANS AFFECTED BY THE WAR. THE PRESIDENT RECALLED HIS
RECENT MEETING WITH THE COURAGEOUS LEADERS OF THE AFGHAN
ALLIANCE. THE TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE
ALLIANCE WILL PLAY AN INCREASING ROLE IN BOLSTERING
INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE CAUSE OF AFGHAN FREEDOM.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED
SATISFACTION WITH THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS
EARLIER THIS YEAR OF A FOLLOW-ON ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR
PAKISTAN IN THE SUM OF 4.02 BILLION DOLLARS OVER A SIX-YEAR
PERIOD BEGINNING NEXT YEAR. THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THAT
THIS UNIQUE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM PROVIDES TANGIBLE EVIDENCE
OF THE DURABILITY AND CONTINUITY OF THE US COMMITMENT TO
STRENGTHEN PAKISTAN'S DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES IN THE FACE OF
SOVIET PRESSURES FROM AFGHANISTAN. US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

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IS INTENDED ALSO TO SUPPLEMENT PAKISTAN'S OWN EFFORTS TO
STRENGTHEN ITS ECONOMY.

THE PRIME MINISTER BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT ON
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF PAKISTAN AND INDIA
ON IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES, A

PROCESS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES. THE
PRESIDENT WELCOMED THE PLEDGE MADE BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF

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PAKISTAN AND INDIA NOT TO ATTACK EACH OTHER'S NUCLEAR
INSTALLATIONS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS
WOULD CONTINUE TO YIELD SUCCESS. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO
POINTED TO RECENT INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT
TO EXPAND REGIONAL COOPERATION AMONG THE NATIONS OF SOUTH
ASIA, HIGHLIGHTING THE PROMISING BEGINNING LAST DECEMBER OF
THE SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION
(SAARC). THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO HIS MESSAGE TO THE
SOUTH ASIAN LEADERS WELCOMING THEIR ESTABLISHMENT OF SAARC
AND EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL
EFFORTS, BOTH UNDER SAARC AS WELL AS BILATERALLY, TO
PROMOTE PEACE AND COOPERATION.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED DEEP
CONCERN AT THE GROWING THREAT POSED BY INTERNATIONAL
NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING TO THE VERY FABRIC OF SOCIETY IN
EVERY PART OF THE WORLD. THEY DISCUSSED MEASURES TO HALT
THE PRODUCTION OF OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS AT THEIR
SOURCE, TO SUPPRESS PROCESSING FACILITIES WHEREVER THEY MAY
BE FOUND, AND TO ESCALATE THE WAR AGAINST DOMESTIC AND
INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKERS. TO THIS END, THE TWO LEADERS
AGREED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ANTI-NARCOTICS COOPERATION AND
TO EXPLORE AERIAL SPRAYING AS A POPPY ERADICATION MEASURE.

THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO
THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE
GENEROUS ASSISTANCE PROVIDED HIS COUNTRY OVER THE PAST
THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AND FOR THE WARM WELCOME ACCORDED TO HIM

AND HIS DELEGATION. HE EXTENDED A CORDIAL INVITATION TO
THE PRESIDENT TO VISIT PAKISTAN. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED
HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE INVITATION AND REITERATED HIS

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DESIRE TO VISIT PAKISTAN AT A CONVENIENT DATE.
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